



NSCDS Alumni Bulletin

THE NORTH SHORE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

310 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

FEBRUARY 1974

Announce 8 New Scholarships

Eight academic scholarships for four years in Upper School are being awarded this Spring at North Shore. In addition to financial assistance scholarships, these will be granted to 8th grade students in North Shore suburbs solely on the candidate's academic ability, his talents and citizenship. Boys and girls may apply through their present junior high school principal's office or directly through Mrs. Meigs Thorsen, Director of Admissions at North Shore.

Testing of all candidates will be held on Saturday, February 23, the final day for making application.

Local alumni are encouraged to recommend friends' children for these scholarships.

Lower School Holds Open House

An Open House for area parents of grade school children will be held at North Shore on Thursday, February 21. From 9:30 to 11:00 the Lower School will welcome all visitors to see its facilities and classes in action.

North Shore Celebrates 50 Years Of Opera

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the first Gilbert and Sullivan opera presented at The North Shore Country Day School. In 1924 the first opera given at North Shore was "The Pirates of Penzance". On March 14, 15, and 16 the School will produce its 1974 version of the same opera.

Throughout these 50 years the Upper School opera production seldom varied from Gilbert and Sullivan. This year will be the 8th time "Pirates" has been selected.

A hesitant beginning of North Shore's opera tradition is found in this account taken from the 1925 MIRROR.

"Never has a feat been performed in this school as big and fine as our opera in April, 1924. It took many hours of hard work, concentration, and cooperation. At first we were not very enthusiastic, but as we gradually began to learn our parts we found the wonderful fun in them."

The dress rehearsal didn't prove very encouraging because of parts that were not learned and dragging action. However, everyone was determined to do his or her best to make the opera a success. Finally the night came. The gym was crowded and downstairs the locker room buzzed in chaotic state. At last the curtain went up and a lively chorus of pirates set the gym singing.



Scenes from opera — 1959

The show was lively and entertaining from start to finish."

Some of the leads in that first cast were Percy Davis, Major General; Lynn Williams, Sergeant of the Police, and Betty Knode Greeley as Edith.

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from the Headmaster



*Excerpts from
Douglas C. MacDonald's address to
the Woman's
Board, January
1974.*

In a review of educational trends of the past ten years generally, and at North Shore today, the Headmaster discussed problems and solving problems as being challenging and rewarding.

This is the close of a tumultuous era, which began with Sputnik and led Ameri-

can educators to create a factory system in order to catch up. This climate created great academic pressures. At the same time there has been a loosening of moral standards and a rise of affluence. Young people have become increasingly skeptical of traditional values.

Today's children spend a greater amount of time away from home than ever before. They possess greater options and greater flexibility. From personal observation today's youth have little conception of hard work. Few know exactly what their father's business or profession entails. As students, they have difficulty in facing hard work. They do know more of problems, conflicts, and suffering than did their parents.

One of the biggest functions of education is to help young people cope. One important advantage that a North Shore student has is his close relationship with significant


adults. The faculty here consists of productive, interesting people, who willingly give much time to students.

A big problem is that children do not read enough and they worry about failure. Teachers should not back off from their role as adults, and it is not good policy to ask kids what they want to do, because often they do not know what they really want to do. It is important for a student to attempt and complete an assignment, even if it scares him.

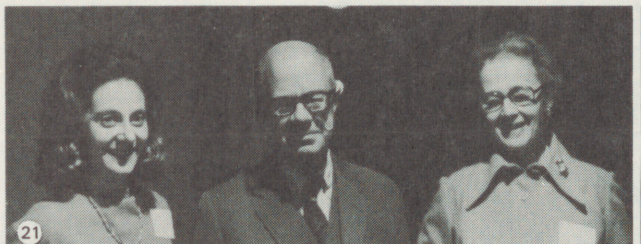
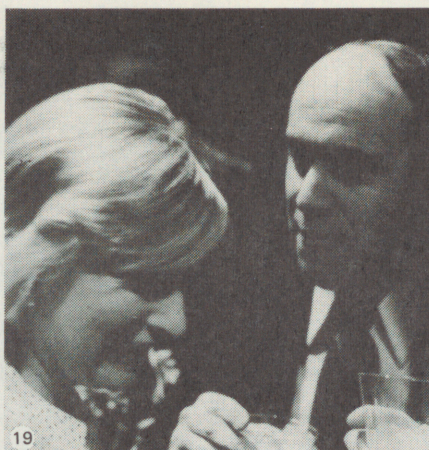
Another virtue of the School is the strength of parent-teacher communication. Parents at North Shore feel comfortable in coming to school to discuss problems and parents' organizations are strong.

Of great importance is the need to impart to the children a sense of their own value and not to be overwhelmed by problems.




Sherry and Doug Macdonald
cordially invite you and your spouse
Cocktails
Friday Evening, January 4, 1974
5:00 to 7:30
At the Headmaster's Home Mark Your Calendar!
347 Forest Street
Winnetka



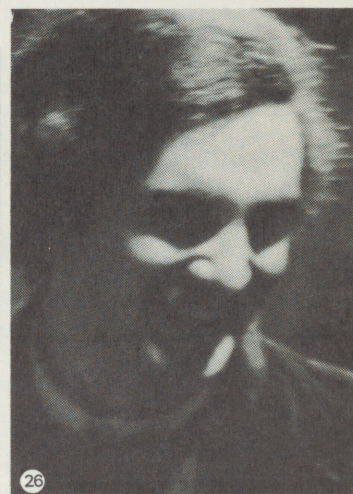


Annual Alumni Holiday Party

... at the Headmaster's house in early January. Hostesses with Doug and Sherry Macdonald were Chairman Mary Pick Hines, Lucy Chilgren, and Joan Hauser Gately, all '49, Audrey Lawrence Bird '51, Nancy Straus Lipsky '46, Helen Schuman Wells and Janet Jones Rogers, both '43.

Candida by Carol Long

1. Franklin B. Bowes '27
2. Janet Jones Rogers '43; Helen Schuman Wells '43
3. Phyllis Babb Perkins '46
4. Carol Fink '73
5. Mary Law Leimert '38
6. Robert Steinhoff
7. Hubert E. Howard, Jr. '36; Richard D. Golden '44
8. Peter A. Dammann '38
9. James Howe '73; David Webster '73
10. Dorothea Smith Ingersoll, '35; Mrs. Perry Dunlap Smith
11. Mrs. Fern Frankel; Francis R. Stanton '27
12. Barbara Favill Marshall '46
13. Madame Simone Valvo
14. Audrey Lawrence Bird '51
15. Lucy Chilgren Peterson '49; Harold Hines; Joan Hauser Gately '49
16. David Webster '73; William W. Talley
17. Louise Fentress Barry '27
18. Isabel Gallery Emory '48; Audrey Gallery '50
19. Louise Stanton; Nate Frankel
20. Diane Holliday Schulte '43
21. Mary Pick Hines '49; Gordon Adamson '32; Mrs. Gordon Adamson
22. Carla Esch '46; guest
23. Mrs. William W. Talley
24. Sherry Macdonald
25. Tom Zimmerman '73; Martin J. McCarty
26. Rob Hoyle '71
27. John D. Ames, Jr. '48
28. Midge Chace Powell '49
29. Robert M. Johnson '43
30. Peter A. Dammann, Jr. '72
31. John Ayer, Jr. '71
32. George D. Smith II '38 and Mrs. Smith



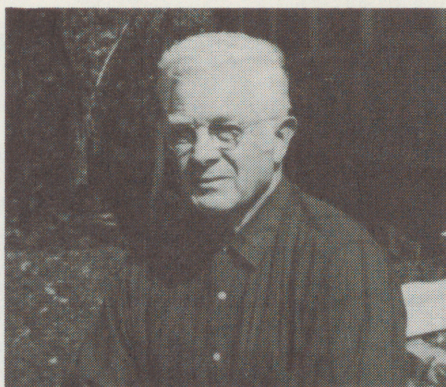
A Letter From Lewis A. Taylor

(We wrote Lewis A. Taylor, who retired from North Shore in 1963 asking about his retirement. This is his reply. Our best wishes are with him.)

As I look back over my 40 years of teaching at NSCDS I am grateful to have had the opportunity of working in an experimental and progressive school under the guidance of Perry Smith and his philosophies. The family centered school with its emphasis on student creativity and responsibility, and the chance to do independent curriculum planning and organization made teaching there stimulating and exciting. The "whole school" activities where younger and older worked or played together were especially satisfying and valuable—such as Santa Claus parties, Work Days, May Days, and sings in Morning Exercise.

After retiring from NSCDS my wife and I went to western Kenya and taught for 2 years in a Friends high school for African boys. This was a most interesting and rewarding experience, even though very strenuous and frustrating at times. During vacations we were able to explore many of the game preserves and primitive areas of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Going out to Africa we spent six weeks touring in Italy, Greece, Jordan and Egypt, and coming home we traveled nine weeks in India, Nepal, Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan.

For final retirement we tried out Florida and the hills of western North Carolina, and then settled on Richmond in eastern



Indiana where we had relatives and many Quaker friends. We had a house built on a wooded hill and valley near a 40 foot bluff.

Earlham College, where Margaret and I met and from which we both graduated, is just a mile from us. Several times a week we get over there for programs, concerts, lectures, exhibits, etc. The college library is available and often used. The Friends Meeting on campus and community organizations—Audubon Club, Conservation Club, Civic Theatre, Symphony Orchestra, County Historical Museum, all make it hard to find time to do much of the reading that I want to do.

We haven't been bored in retirement, and life has been good to us. In June 1972 we celebrated the completion of 50 wonderful years of married life together. Our address is 880 Hidden Valley Lane, Richmond, Ind. 47374. Come and see us!

Sincerely,
Lewis A. Taylor

The May Issue of the Alumni Bulletin will have News Notes about you—and particularly the Classes of 1944, 1949, 1954 and 1959. Please fill out and return today.

**To: Mrs. William W. Talley, Executive Director of Alumni Association
North Shore Country Day School
310 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, Illinois 60093**

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

My News _____



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Coming Events Of Woman's Board

Alfredo's Wife is coming to Winnetka with a trunk showing of summer handmade clothes. February 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. she will be at the home of Mrs. Ralph Peters, 801 Glen Oak Drive, Winnetka. Admission is free.

The Woman's Board is compiling a cookbook! We would appreciate your help by sending one, two or ten recipes. Help make this a great success and send yours as soon as possible to Mrs. John D. Ames, Jr. c/o NSCDS, 310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois 60093.

Smith Lecture Series To Be Held April 16

The 2nd annual Perry Dunlap Smith Memorial Lecture Series will be held April 16 at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel. Established by the College of Education at Roosevelt University in cooperation with The North Shore Country Day School, the series' guest speaker this year will be Dr. Robert Havighurst, Professor of Education in Human Development at the University of Chicago. For ticket information phone Roosevelt University at 341-3706.

50 YEARS OF OPERA (Continued from Page 1)

A special reunion is being planned to bring together the cast leads from 1924, 1934, 1940, 1945, 1952, 1959 and 1966—the years "Pirates" was produced.

The three gala performances of Opera-1974 will begin with a matinee, Thursday, March 14. This performance, starting at 2:00 p.m. is primarily for children from local and nearby schools. The evening performances on Friday and Saturday will begin at 8:00 p.m. with reserve seat admission at \$2.50 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Former choristers are especially invited to attend this golden anniversary.

Directing this year's show are Vincent B. Allison, Music Department, Mrs. Carol Radloff, Drama Department and Roger Shipley, Industrial Arts Department. For ticket information phone the School at 446-0674.

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